



ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

DATE: 30th October, 2023

BETWEEN:

Skyline University College (SUC)
University City of Sharjah, Post Box: 1797, Sharjah, UAE
(Hereinafter called as SUC or First Party)
Represented by: **Prof. Mohammad In'airat**
Vice Chancellor

AND:

AfroAsian University (AAU)
(Hereinafter called as AAU or Second Party)
Represented by: **Prof. Abdelkerim Al Wazzane**
President of University

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is made on 30th October, 2023

BY AND BETWEEN

- A. **Skyline University College**, (Licence NO: 516477 and Registration No: 20168) Professional License under Government of Sharjah Economic Development Department, under the address -University City of Sharjah – P.O. Box 1797, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.
- B. **Afro-Asian University Istanbul Turkey**, The Union of Afro-Asia Universities is a collaborative alliance of top academic institutions from Africa and Asia. The Afro-Asia University is a project of the Union, focus on fostering cultural exchange and research partnerships to advance education and global understanding.

And each of which is also referred to hereunder individually as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".



WHEREAS

Skyline University College (SUC) is a private University College (www.skylineuniversity.ac.ae) fully approved and accredited by Ministry of Education, UAE (www.caa.ae) and is offering the following:

a. Undergraduate Programs in School of Business;

- a. Bachelor of Business Administration major in Accounting**
- b. Bachelor of Business Administration** with concentration in any of the following areas: (International Business, Marketing & Retail Management, Human Resource Management, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Public Administration and Innovation & Entrepreneurship)

b. Graduate Programs in School of Business;

- i. Master of Business Administration
- ii. Master of Business Administration with focus area in Finance

c. Undergraduate Programs in School of Computing;

a) Undergraduate Programs:

- I. Bachelor of Information Technology with concentration in Enterprise Computing.

And, we are pleased to announce the new programs approved by the Ministry.

- II. **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with concentration** in any of the following areas: (**Artificial Intelligence, and Software Engineering**).

Furthermore;

Second Party Afroasian University is a private University (<https://aaou-afro-asian-university.com/>) fully authorized and accredited by the Ministry of Education and Science, in Somalia, and is offering the following:

Undergraduate Programs of Business at the Faculty Economics and administrative sciences

- a)** Graduate Programs at the Faculty of Economics and administrative sciences
- b)** Postgraduate – PhD Program at the Economics and administrative sciences

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Parties enter into this MoU for future academic collaboration between the Parties in relation to university research and education. The MoU only contains the general principles for collaboration between the Parties.



In order to accomplish the above goals, the parties shall pursue collaborative activities, including but not limited to:

- Best Practices and Benchmarking
- Academic Transfer and Articulation arrangement between the two Universities
- Students & Faculty Exchange Program
- Research Collaboration & Joint Research Projects and Partnering for joint efforts of Grants available for academic support
- Joint Conferences and Publication Initiatives
- Student, Staff and Researcher Mobility's
- Scientific research, lectures, conferences and publications
- Training Programmes and short courses
- Collaboration in different Centers of Excellence
- Other scope of cooperation in fields of interest to both parties

Each individual collaborative project will be planned, developed and executed by the Parties respecting the principles agreed in this MoU and be subject to a separate written agreement to be executed between those parties taking part in such project.

Each Party bears all the charges of its own related activities under this MoU, if not specified differently in further agreements.

The Parties tend to solve all the issues to implementation of this MoU by means of consultations.

Any amendments, alterations or additions to this MoU must be made in writing as addendum to this MoU and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

This MoU is to be valid for a length of five (5) years. MoU shall be subject to review by both parties by the end of its last month, and may be extended, amended or terminated at that renegotiation.

Confidentiality

No rights of any kind whatsoever in any invention, copyright, trade secret, or any other form of intellectual property are granted or transferred under this MoU. Distribution and use of information and intellectual property resulting from the cooperation activities under this MoU are performed in compliance with the existing legislation of the Parties and in compliance with further agreements signed by the Parties.

Any use of the names, including any of its constituent schools, departments, Programs or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this MoU, shall be subject to prior written approval.

All data and information identified as being confidential are considered confidential. The receiving Party shall use diligent efforts to maintain such data and information in confidence, and use only for the purposes contemplated in this MoU.

Both Parties, shall keep strictly confidential all information and materials provided by one Party (the Disclosing Party) to the other Party, pursuant to this Agreement (the Confidential Information)



and shall not provide the Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party.

This Clause shall not apply to any information which:

- (a) is required to be disclosed by law, pursuant to legal process or by any governmental or competent regulatory authority;
- (b) at the time of its disclosure is or subsequently becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this Agreement; or
- (c) is lawfully received by, is already in the lawful possession of or subsequently comes lawfully into the possession of a Party from a third party who does not owe and is not under any obligation to keep the information confidential.

The provisions of this Clause are binding and shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Each party shall reserve the right to the intellectual property on studies, research, documents and Programs of its own, including the right to use them in the method determined by each Party to the other party for such use and its scope. Neither Party, nor any third party, may practice such right without the written permission of the other Party.

This MoU has been executed in two (2) identical copies, one (1) for each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this MoU on this 30th day of October, 2023.

For and on behalf of
AfroAsian University
Prof Abdelkerim Alwazzane
President of University

For and on behalf of
Skyline University College
Prof. Mohammad In'airat
Vice Chancellor